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SUBJECT: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) SPECIAL

COMMITTEE: QUESTION OF US COOPERATION

REF: (A) USUN 1769; (B) USUN 1800

1. AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING IRANIAN PERMREP
HOVEYDA'S RETURN TO NEW YORK, REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO HIM IN APPROPRIATE MANNER REGARDING QUESTION
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OF US COOPERATION WITH WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

2. (A) AS AMB. HOVEYDA AWARE, US CONSIDERED THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE COULD NEVER ACHIEVE ANY USEFUL RESULTS UNLESS ALL NUCLEAR POWERS PARTICIPATED;

(B) WE BELIEVE RESULTS OF INFORMAL MAY MEETINGS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONFIRM OUR APPRAISAL; WE NOTE THERE EVEN WAS DOUBT AS TO LEGALITY OF THOSE PROCEEDINGS IN VIEW OF DISAGREEMENT OVER MANNER IN WHICH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED;

(C) OUR VIEWS ON UNTIMELINESS OF WDC, OR ANY MOVES TOWARD CONVENING SUCH CONFERENCE, REMAIN UNCHANGED;

(D) THUS WE COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY ACTIVITY OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT MAKE COMMITTEE PREPARATORY BODY FOR WDC;

(E) FOR ABOVE REASONS WE HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE, DO NOT WISH FORMAL RELATIONSHIP TO

COMMITTEE AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO COOPERATE WITH IT;

(F) WE WILL OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO STAY IN TOUCH INFORMALLY WITH AMB. HOVEYDA AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS, ON UNDERSTANDING WE NOT THEREBY ENDORSING COMMITTEE OR ITS PURPOSES.

3. UNLESS MISSION PERCEIVES OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT PROPER FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE, WHICH LACKS FORMAL STATUS, TO TAKE FORMAL STEP OF SUBMITTING REPORT TO UNGA OR HAVING UN SECRETARIAT DO SO ON ITS BEHALF. ALTHOUGH UNGA RES 2930 CALLS FOR SUCH REPORT, SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONTEMPLATED IN RES HAS NEVER HELD FORMAL MEETING. (WE NOTE THAT PER REF (B) SYG HAS TAKEN FIRM POSITION THAT SECRETARIAT COULD NOT PREPARE FORMAL REPORT UNLESS ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AGREED -- WHICH SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY.) ROGERS

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